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**In re Application of**  
**Norio KURITA, et al.**  
**Application No.: 10/582,332**  
**Filed: 2 April 2007**  
**Attorney Docket No.:**  
**46884-5483 (227532)**  
**For: LASER PROCESSING DEVICE**

**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**  
**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**  
**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**  
**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**  
**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**  
**: 37 CFR 1.102(d)**

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed 10 July 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

#### **Discussion**

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

1. The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO, note where the JPO application with similar claims is not the same application from which the U.S. application claims priority that the applicant must identify the relationship between the JPO application with similar claims and the JPO priority application;
2. Applicant must submit a copy of:
  - a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s);
  - b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s) and
  - c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;
3. Applicant must:
  - a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and
  - b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;
4. Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
5. Applicant must submit:
  - a. Documentation of prior office action:

- i. a copy of the office action(s) just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) or
    - ii. if the allowable/patentable claims(s) are from a "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" then the Notification of Reasons for Refusal or
    - iii. if the JPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the JPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form;
  - b. An English language translation of the JPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above
  - c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;
6. Applicant must submit:
  - a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
  - b. Copies of the documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application);
7. The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

It is noted that the claims correspondence table is not filled out, however the claim numbering is identical and the correspondence is identical except as noted on the claims correspondence form.

The request to participate in the PPH ~~pilot~~ program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Brian Sircus at 571 272 2058.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at <http://www.uspto.gov/ebc.index.html>.

This application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision once this application's formality reviews have been completed.



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